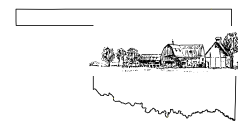




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Row Crop Harvest in Full Swing

September 5 - Temperatures averaged in the mid-seventies last week which allowed producers to have 6.2 days suitable for field work. Harvest activities were in full swing for corn, sorghum and soybeans and many reports indicated yields were very good. Soil moisture levels have dropped slightly and most reporters felt that their area still needed more rain. Topsoil moisture was 1 percent surplus, 69 percent adequate, 23 percent short, and 7 percent very short. Subsoil moisture was 1 percent surplus, 65 percent adequate, 26 percent short, and 8 percent very short.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	7	23	69	1
Last Week	4	21	73	2
Last Year	10	21	66	3

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	8	26	65	1
Last Week	6	19	73	2
Last Year	19	38	43	0

Small Grains: Seedbed preparations for small grains increased due to the mild, dry weather. Wheat seedbed prepared jumped 12 points to 76 percent complete. Seven percent of the wheat had been planted. Lack of moisture may be a problem to some farmers ready to sow wheat. Fertilizer was being applied to help prepare for planting. Oats seedbed preparations went up 10 points to 55 percent with 1 percent planted. Seedbed prepared for rye increased 21 points with 15 percent planted. Prospects for fall wheat and rye forage were excellent at this time.

Row Crops: Row crops were in mostly good to excellent condition. Corn led the way with 56 percent of the crop in excellent condition. Nearly half of the crop had matured and 31 percent was harvested. Sorghum harvest was gaining momentum with an increase of 8 points to 11 percent harvested. Several reports indicated producers were getting above average yields from their sorghum crop. Most of the soybeans had set pods with a fourth of the crop mature. Harvest was just underway with 5 percent of the crop harvested. Peanuts reaching maturity and cotton opening bolls both jumped twenty points to 52 and 41 percent, respectively.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending September 5, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	0	13	31	56
Soybeans	0	1	30	59	10
Peanuts	0	2	16	68	14
Cotton	1	1	39	49	10
Sorghum	0	1	11	57	31

Hay: The hay harvest was still going strong with the fourth cutting of alfalfa 93 percent complete and the fifth cutting 34 percent complete. Other hay second cutting was 80 percent complete. The condition of alfalfa and other hay was mostly good by the end of the week. Hay supplies were looking good with harvest activities considerably ahead of normal.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending September 5, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	1	23	62	13
Other Hay	0	2	24	57	17

Pasture: Pasture lands were suffering slightly from the hot, dry, and windy conditions in some areas of the State. However, 80 percent of the pasture land was in good to excellent condition. This summer has been excellent for grass.

Livestock: Livestock conditions were mostly good to excellent. Livestock insect activity increased slightly but was still mostly moderate. The cattle market dropped last week to an average market. Feeder steers under 800 pounds dropped down four dollars and sixty-seven cents to \$116.24. Feeder heifers under 800 pounds also dropped three dollars and two cents to \$110.85.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending September 5, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	1	12	59	28
Pasture & Range	1	2	17	55	25

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS									
Week Ending September 5, 2004									
Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Seedbed Prepared	76	64	63	67	Blooming	95	90	94	92
Planted	7	3	5	6	Setting Pods	90	79	87	83
Oats -					Mature	25	13	26	29
Seedbed Prepared	55	45	46	54	Harvested	5	2	7	10
Planted	1	n/a	n/a	2	Peanuts -				
Rye -					Mature	52	32	50	27
Seedbed Prepared	77	56	61	65	Cotton -				
Planted	15	5	14	8	Bolls Opening	41	21	37	28
Corn -					Alfalfa -				
Dough	99	98	100	99	4 th Cutting	93	85	60	62
Mature	49	45	56	63	5 th Cutting	34	23	n/a	n/a
Harvested	31	21	35	34	Other Hay -				
Sorghum -					2 nd Cutting	80	75	70	68
Headed	85	82	89	89	Watermelons -				
Coloring	45	41	62	59	Harvested	98	97	99	98
Mature	28	19	29	29					
Harvested	11	3	12	13					

Weather for Week Ending September 5, 2004 - Temperatures ranged from 52 degrees at Bristow on Monday, August 30th, and at Kenton on Tuesday, August 31st, to 94 degrees at Cherokee on Saturday, September 4th, and Antlers, Hectorville, Okemah, and Tipton on Sunday, September 5th. Soil temperatures averaged 70 degrees at Watonga on Monday, August 30th, to 85 degrees at Perkins and Sulphur on Sunday, September 5th. Precipitation for this week was not available at the time of this release.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA							
Week Ending September 5, 2004							
Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	March 1, 2004 to September 5, 2004		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees			Inches			
Panhandle	87	59	73	Not Available	16.06	+0.93	106
West Central	85	63	74		20.69	+1.57	108
Southwest	87	64	75		18.05	- 1.45	93
North Central	89	63	75		21.41	+0.56	103
Central	88	63	75		22.18	- 0.68	97
South Central	88	63	75		22.54	- 0.81	97
Northeast	88	62	75		28.16	+3.25	113
East Central	88	63	75		26.08	+0.23	101
Southeast	89	61	74		23.88	- 3.20	88